SUBJECT TO REVIEW, CORRECTION AND APPROVAL

DUNBARTON HISTORICAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE
November 27, 2017 Meeting, 6:30 – Town Office

Minutes: Ken made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9/25/17 & 10/23/17 minutes, Les seconded, unanimous.

DHAC Financials: The 10/31/17 statements were reviewed and accepted. New procedure for check issuance per auditors: Requests are now to be emailed to the Town Administrator, rather than to the Town Treasurer, and the town will issue the check. Our separate Citizens accounts remain as is and the committee can continue to make deposits as usual.

Guest: Bob Boynton attended at the request of Lynn, who’s still unable to be here. He’ll update her and assist us. Thanks to both.

Black History “The Underground Railroad in NH” Michelle Aronsky Sherburne made three very successful interactive presentations at the DES: the fourth-grade session was videotaped. An additional presentation was made at the Library that night. The Dunbarton Bow students were invited via email to a school official but none were seen in attendance with the adult audience.

Historical Interviews: Don Untiet, age 92, one of the few living graduates of the South School (Raymond Untiet & Rodney Doucet are two others) has agreed to be videotaped in the old schoolhouse, currently the nucleus of a private home on Long Pond Road.

DES - November - Native American History Month: Lee narrated a Google Slide Presentation collaboratively prepared by 9th grader Falon Labrecque, Bill demonstrated tools, Donna taught a few simple Abanaki words, and we gave the students handouts to share with their families. The teacher would like to do this again next year and include something interactive - beading or another activity - ½ day could be allocated. We’ll also add more Dunbarton items: Kuncanowet, Indian Grinding stone, location of last Indian family, etc. Fred suggested we expand on the NH State Dog “Chinook” by adding the NH Iditarod winner.

Dunbarton “Stories”: Alison Vallieres of the School Reunion Committee sent our request for “stories about growing up in Dunbarton - school or otherwise” to their mailing list, which isn’t available to us due to privacy concerns. To date, no responses.

Additional VHS tapes: A former Teacher shared two additional VHS tapes made years ago by her students. Since the teacher was unsure about the exact content, Donna had them converted to DVD at her expense. One was a very detailed Dunbarton history timeline by students (sadly unusable due to poor quality) and the other contained WWII interviews with Webster Burnham (not much info) and the teacher’s (?) parents. Unfortunately, not much to add to Dunbarton history but we appreciate every opportunity to try!

Dunbarton’s Scout Camps: In attempting to locate visuals to add to Ford Winter’s “book” about growing up in Dunbarton, a lively discussion about sites and the interesting history that took place on them was enjoyed by all. Paula Mangini will lead the research.

Master Plan: Ken will attend the CNHRPC Town Office meeting on 12/6 and check the status of the materials we snailed last month to enable them to update the historical maps themselves. Donna will email Fred’s GPS coordinates for the (12) school sites along with historic town photos. Committee members will make ‘pencil’ updates to their copies of the text draft and provide them by 12/10. Donna will compile all and submit before the 12/31 deadline (but hopefully by 12/16.) We’ve asked CNHRPC to provide us with a second draft afterwards for further review. To date, no input from the Dunbarton Historical Society.

Annual Historic Gingerbread Houses: Bill will do a ‘walk and talk’ with the students and then they’ll use a set of Bud’s books we reserve for them for additional research. Lee made a motion we provide teacher Mollie Morrissette $50 towards materials, Bill seconded, unanimous. Mollie asked us to make tiny house signs again and she’ll give us a list of houses.

2018 Meeting Schedule: We’ll provide the Town with a list of meeting dates for 2018 to update the web site.

Town Report: Donna will submit our report early this year. If she is unavailable to proof the town’s final draft during the new “48-Hour Proofing Window” in January (?) Paula will fill in.

Adjourn/Next Meeting: Ken made a motion to adjourn at 7:40, Bill seconded, unanimous. Next meeting is 12/18/17, 6:30 at the Town Offices. Please note the meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month, not the usual 4th Monday.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Dunn, Chair & Secretary